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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BUNDY

SUBJECT: Operations SEA, 19 January - 2 February 1965

1. General: The TET holiday period (New Year) runs from approximately 28 January to 11 February with principal celebration 2-4 February. Viet Cong policy has been to limit activities during this period, thus demonstrating their ability to control the war and giving their people time off to celebrate.

2. RVN Operations: A major success was achieved in the Tien Giang search and destroy operation initiated 26 January. The Viet Cong body count was 153 with total losses perhaps as high as 300. Friendly loss was 18 KIA. 72 structures were reported destroyed.

		Casualty Statistics		
		Killed	Wounded	Missing/Captured
Week ending	ARVN	201	480	125
24 January	VC	546	---	196
Week ending	ARVN	225	524	100
31 January	VC	638	---	160

3. Laos: T-28 operations continued. Due to an accident, eight T-28s and two other aircraft were destroyed at Vientiane. On 31 January, a T-28 was shot down near the Muong Phine bridge. Four F-105s sighted parachute, but received intense AA fire. Gun positions were attacked and one aircraft received some damage.

4. BARREL ROLL:

23 January -- Mission #7, Route 7 (night)
Recce: no targets

25 January -- Mission #11, Route 8
Recce: no targets
Secondary: Houai Acai military area
3 buildings destroyed in complex
20 buildings destroyed SE of complex

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27 January -- Mission #12, Routes 12 and 23

Recce: no targets

Secondary: Tchepone bridge

Collapsed span

(Ford now under construction)

31 January -- Mission #13, Route 23

Recce: no targets

Secondary: Seng Sen bridge

Superficial damage

1 February -- Mission #14, Routes 121 and 12

Recce: no targets

Secondary: Bang Lang Khan military complex

Results not observed due to tree cover

5. YANKEE TEAM: Twenty-two missions were flown, all during daylight hours. Little traffic was observed, but various redeployments of AA guns were noted.

6. 34A Operations, MAROPS:

19 January, Mach Nuoc radar

20 January, Tiger Island

22 January, Dong Hoi O.P. -- heavy return fire, but PTFs not hit.

24 January, Cap Lay radar -- heavy return fire, but not hit.

26 January, Quang Khe O.P. -- unsuccessful, PTFs collided, heavily damaged.

28 January, Tiger Island -- aborted due to engine trouble

29 January, Special TET mission -- leaflet shells fired over villages both sides of Dong Hoi. Gift kits dropped in v

30 January, Tiger Island

31 January, Mach Nuoc radar -- heavy return fire

7. 34A Operations, Air Missions:

20 January, PSYOPS leaflet drop in Eastern VINH LINH and Eastern QUANG BINH provinces

20 January, Resupply REMUS -- four agents and four bundles dropped -- one agent killed on landing -- one agent has broken leg

23 January, PSYOPS leaflet drop -- aborted due to adverse winds

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